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CANOVAS TALKS OF REFORMS.

Says He Will Carry Them Out Loyal-ly.

CANNOT BE CHECKED. CUBANS MUST QUIT. No Matter How Radical the Dif- culties.

CONSPIRACY AT WORK. LIMIT TO GENEROSITY. Premier's Downfall Predicted Because of His Cuban Plans.

MADRID, Feb. 7.—The publication of the proposed Cuban reforms has pro- duced a great political agitation in Spain. Beyond doubt its effect is of the



Senor Canovas del Castillo.

worse possible kind, especially in the camp of the Conservatives, where there is very great disgust among Ministers, who, while appearing disciplined and submissive to Canovas, are in reality on the verge of revolt.

Indeed, all the Ministers and the most conspicuous members of the Conservative party publicly declare, as if wishing to refuse responsibility, that the reforms are the exclusive work of Canovas. These reforms are against the traditional policy of the Conservative party, as they imply that the party is now in favor of what it always opposed.

The conspiracy against Canovas is increasing, and only a miracle is likely to save him from downfall. Romero Robledo, the Duke of Tetuan, and Martinez Campos, who have been enemies before, are now in agreement, qualifying the reforms as decentralizing.

A Talk with Canovas.

In view of this interesting situation I to-day called upon the chief of the Spanish statesman.

Prime Minister Canovas told me that he wished to make a national work of the reforms, and that he would carry out the reforms loyally. He intends to establish autonomy in Cuba.

No matter how radical the difficulties he may encounter he is not to be checked.

Nevertheless, he added, he would take great care that these reforms do not open the door to the independence of Cuba. In order to carry them out he would not wait for the pacification of the entire island, but all provinces that become pacified would then have the reforms.

Generals Pando, Bermudez, Calleja, Castro, Canella and others praise the publication of the reforms, but none of them believes that they will in any way exercise an influence on the termination of the war. This must be ended by arms.

Views of a Conservative.

Mr. chief of the Independent Con-

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MRS. CLEVELAND ON SHOW.

Dr. Sunderland Asks Her to Remain in Her Pew and Give the Congregation a Farewell Shake.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Members of the Presbyterian church, of which the Rev. Dr. Sunderland is rector, are greatly exercised over an incident of this morning's service. At the conclusion of the prayers and singing the rector delivered a brief address, closing with the request that "all those present who did not intend to communicate would leave the church."

This was done and the communion proceeded with the usual ceremony. When the last one present had partaken of the cup Dr. Sunderland again addressed the congregation. He said: "Probably many present are not aware that Mrs. Cleveland is in their midst for the last time. At least, the last time she will appear in her official position, and I would urge that she remain seated as the congregation rises, in order that they may take advantage of the opportunity to shake hands."

For a moment consternation reigned. The President's wife sat motionless, white as a sheet, uncertain whether to comply or leave the church. Discretion prevailed, however, and, though perceptibly embarrassed, she greeted those who approached her with her customary unaffected sincerity and cordiality. Many, realizing the awkwardness of the situation, hurried out to discuss the unheard-of appeal, regretful at the turn of affairs and the plight of the lady in question.

The unfortunate part of the affair is that Dr. Sunderland is a warm personal friend of the Clevelands, and that he acted from a sincere desire for the pleasure of all parties.

DEACON SOLD TRILBIES.

Pretty Bath Beach Girls Exposed Their Bare Feet to Help the Church.

A new church game, called a "Trilby Party," was inaugurated last week in Bath Beach, and promises to supplant "Button, button, who's got the button," "Authors" and other time-worn diversions, formerly so popular when the question of raising church funds was in consideration. The residence of Mr. Peter T. Moore was the scene of the party, which was for the benefit of the Bath Beach Methodist Church.

About two dozen young ladies of the flock sat concealed behind a screen in Mr. Moore's parlor. Under the screen was a space that allowed the hidden ones to display their bare feet.

Young men of the congregation bid recklessly for the privilege of escorting owners of the feet they picked out to supper. Deacon Jacob Moore was the auctioneer.

The highest price was obtained for a couple of pink toes, the big toes of which were decorated with blue ribbons. The best Methodist society in Bath Beach attended the auction.

PALMER SINGS IN A CELL.

Mamaroneck's Murderer Greatly Interested in Religion—Sheriff Says He Is Crazy.

Arthur W. Palmer, the alleged murderer from Mamaroneck, who was recently transferred from the White Plains Prison to the Queens County Jail in Long Island City, spent the greater part of yesterday reading his Bible and singing hymns.

Sheriff Henry Doht says that while Palmer is a model prisoner, he is undoubtedly insane. He talks in a rambling and incoherent manner and takes little interest in his cellmate or anything going on around him. Palmer occupies the cell in which Rugg, the negro murderer, was confined.

FIREBUG FURRIN TELLS HIS TALE.

The Journal Exclusively Presents His Confession.

SWINDLED BY PARTNERS.

Money He Received Did Not Cover His Fire Losses.

HE IMPLICATES OTHERS.

Says Steinberg and the Steins Set Fires with Their Own Hands.

TWO FIREBUGS IN A FIGHT.

Hirschkopf and Stein Meet in the Jail, and the Guards Have Difficulty in Getting Them Apart.

As a direct result of the Journal's exclusive exposure of the "firebug conspiracies," knowledge is being gained which will serve to bring to justice those who have imperilled the lives of women and children in their schemes to defraud insurance companies.

With the first exposure came the confession of Alfred Steinberg, printed exclusively in the Journal, in which that worthy implicated David Furrin, who was yesterday arrested and is now in Raymond Street Jail.

Now Furrin in turn has made a confession. The confessions of both Steinberg and Furrin go to show that there is no honor among firebugs. According to their own

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WENT THROUGH A BRIDGE.

Locomotive and Two Passenger Cars Precipitated Into a Creek—One Man Killed.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 7.—An excursion train over the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, which left this city last night was wrecked two hours later at Franklin Mines, by a bridge giving way, precipitating the engine and two front coaches into George's Creek.

The engineer, Robert Ross, was almost instantly killed. Fireman Norman Briscoe was seriously injured, and the conductor, Thomas Rowe, had his shoulder dislocated and was otherwise injured. There were about twenty passengers on board, all of whom were more or less hurt.

An ice gorge was formed in the creek and knocked one of the trestles from under the bridge, thus causing it to collapse. The passengers were all within a mile of their homes when the accident occurred.

HARD FIGHTING IN CRETE.

Firing Outside Canea Is Incessant, and Many Christians Are Reported Killed.

Athens, Feb. 7.—A dispatch from Canea states that incessant rifle and cannon firing was heard outside Canea yesterday and today, and that the Turkish troops took part in the fighting, using artillery. Many Christians were killed.

Prince George, second son of the King of Greece, will command the Greek torpedo fleet, which is in readiness to start for Crete.

The Greek Government has asked the Chamber to grant a credit of 100,000 drachmas to be devoted to the support of the Cretans who are fleeing to Greece owing to the disturbances in Crete.

GLENGYLE'S CREW.

Health Officer Duty Made Every Tar Take a Bath as a Precaution Against the Plague.

Fifty-six men, the entire crew of the British steamer Glengyle, which arrived yesterday from China ports, were given a thorough bath at the Quarantine Station yesterday afternoon. Every one on board was in prime health, but in view of the ravages of bubonic plague in Bombay and the bad sanitary condition of most of the ports visited by the Glengyle, Health Officer Doty decided that every man jack on the ship must be washed and his clothing fumigated.

The sailors made little objection to this, but the Chinese firemen, some twenty-four in number, received the news with absolute horror. It was of no use, however, for them to protest that "Me velley clean," bathe they must.

SAVED BY SPILLED INK.

Minutes in Police Captain Wood's Trial Are Spoiled and the Case Can Not Proceed.

The Police Commissioners of Long Island City were expected to render a decision any day in the case of Captain Wood, whose dismissal was demanded by Mayor Gleason.

It became known yesterday, that two pages of the testimony were spoiled by ink, which has been spilled on them. It is impossible to read the document.

Before Woods can be dismissed the original testimony must be read to the Commissioners. It may be, therefore, that Captain Wood's official life has been saved by a bottle of ink.

WARSHIPS FAIL TO REACH PORT.

Admiral Bunce's Squadron Missing Since the Fierce Gale of Friday and Saturday.

Great Uneasiness Felt in Charleston Regarding the Safety of Uncle Sam's Vessels.

Dispatch Boat Fern Put Out to Sea to Look for Them, but Returned Last Night Without News, and No Incoming Captain Has Sighted Them.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 7.—Admiral Bunce and the four ships of the North Atlantic Squadron are still somewhere out upon the storm-tossed Atlantic—that is, if they have not succeeded in running into some other port or have not succumbed to the gale which swept the coast all Friday night and Saturday.

Admiral Bunce told Commander Mansfield, of the dispatch boat Fern, on the day that he left Hampton Roads that he would arrive at Charleston with the New York, Columbia, Maine and Amphitrite at 9 o'clock this morning.

The steamer Eutaw, just in from Georgetown, S. C., reports a terrific gale. She did not see the warships.

At 11:30 o'clock to-night the lookout at Historic Fort Sumter had not made out any ships approaching the harbor, and great uneasiness is felt regarding the safety of the ships of the squadron. The Clyde line steamer Comanche arrived late this afternoon.

of the squadron, could make headway against a gale, but the Amphitrite caught steam more than eleven knots an hour on a smooth sea.

Perhaps Getting Them Together.

It is probable that it became necessary for the ships to separate and each to make the best of its own way against the storm. Now that it has blown over perhaps Admiral Bunce, or his flagship, the New York, is hunting about for the other ships of his command and trying to reorganize his squadron before stamping into port.

Charleston is making elaborate preparations for blockade week. Secretary Herbert will be here, and all the naval attaches of the Foreign Legation at Washington and thousands of visitors are expected from various parts of the South. Secretary Herbert to-day refused to permit the representatives of the press, even of the local newspapers, to board any of the ships of the squadron during the man-



Charleston Harbor, Where Bunce's Squadron Will Manoeuver

noon, after a tempestuous trip from New York, having been blown out of her course and driven by the storm and delayed by the force of the gale.

Captain Pennington said to-night that he never wishes to be out in a fiercer gale on the Atlantic. He saw no trace of the ships of the squadron on his way down, although if they had been upon what is known as the "Southern drill ground" he would have passed close to them. No other incoming vessel has sighted them.

DISPATCH BOAT'S QUEST FRUITLESS.

The dispatch boat Fern, which arrived yesterday from Hampton Roads, put out to sea again this morning with the special dispatches and mail from Washington for Admiral Bunce, but she could not find the ship, and to-night she returned.

The dispatch boat Dolphin, which has been South watching for filibustering expeditions, arrived off the bar this afternoon, and will proceed up to the city at high tide, which will be at midnight. Commander Richardson Clover, who has received orders to join the North Atlantic squadron, reports that he has seen nothing of the missing ships.

The tug Confidence, of this port, which has been outside all day looking for a tow, kept a sharp lookout for the war ships, but returned to-night without seeing them.

The gale, which was from the south, was one of the fiercest shipping men here say they have known for years. If the war ships were off Cape Hatteras, with its treacherous shoals, they would be obliged to run as far out to sea as possible in order that they might not be blown upon a lee shore, and would have to steam against wind and waves. The cruiser New York, which is noted for its stability, could withstand the heavy seas, but the monitor Amphitrite, with its low freeboard, antiquated engines and heavy guns and turrets, would be hard to handle in such weather. The turrets of the monitor would be liable to threaten to break loose, as those on the Indiana did, and the gigantic head seas would sweep clear over her decks and superstructure.

The cruiser Columbia, the fastest ship

centres, on the ground that it was not good policy to advertise to the world either the good points or bad ones of the drill of our war ships.

OFFICERS OF THE SHIPS.

List of the Men Who Command the Vessels in Admiral Bunce's Overseas Squadron.

The officers of the flagship New York are: Commander, Captain Winfield S. Schley; Lieutenant-commander, Duncan Kennedy; Lieutenants, Albert G. Berry, Charles Laird and Richard T. Mulligan; Lieutenants (junior grade), Edward E. Capehart and Frank K. Hill; ensigns, Frank Marble, John L. Stiehl, Ernest L. Bennett, Carlton F. Snow and George F. P. Stone; naval cadets (line division), Arthur T. Chester, Charles L. Poor, Leigh C. Palmer, Frank E. Hildegar, Edward McCauley, Jr., and Henry C. Martin; medical inspector, Michael C. Drennan; passed assistant surgeon, Moulton K. Johnson; pay inspector, George A. Lyons; chief engineer, Cipriano Andrade; passed assistant engineer, Franklin J. Schell; assistant engineers, Walter Bell, Allen M. Cook and James Henry T. Baker; naval cadets (engineer division), Kenneth G. Castleman and James B. Henry; chaplain, Alfred L. Royce; assistant naval constructor, Joseph E. McDonald; captain of marines, Richard Wallack; first lieutenant of marines, Rufus H. Lane; boatswain, William Anderson; gunner, Charles Morgan; carpenter, George W. Davis.

The officers of the monitor Amphitrite are: Captain, William C. Wise; Lieutenant-commander, James D. Andrews; Lieutenants, Edwin W. Lowry, Benjamin Tappan and John L. Purcell; Lieutenants (junior grade), Francis H. Haesler and Wyley R. M. Field; ensign, William K. Glee; surgeon, James E. Gardner; paymaster, John N. Speck; chief engineer, John L. Hannum; passed assistant engineer, Frank M. Bennett; naval cadet (engineer division), Daniel M. Garrison; gunner, Frank L. Hoagland; carpenter, William J. Wrenn.

These are the officers of the cruiser Columbia: Commander, Captain James H. S. Lieutenant-commander, Charles O. bone; Lieutenants, William H. Dine, Witt Coffman, William L. Burd, John A. Dougherty; Lieutenants (junior grade), Edwin A. Anderson; Ensigns, R. Edie and Frank H. Clark; Cadets (line division), William



QUEEN OF THE HOLLAND DAMES.

The luncheon of the New York Society of Holland Dames of the New Netherlands, recently organized by Miss Laylinia Dempsey, will be held in the Holland House on February 17. Miss Dempsey will be seated upon a throne at the head of the table. The menu will be distinctively Dutch, and there will be a punch of Old Holland gin for the toasts, the first three of which will be drunk in silence. The decorations in the dining room will be in blue and orange, and among the musical selections to be played by an orchestra of guitars and mandolins will be "The Holland Dames Mazurka," composed by Miss Dempsey and dedicated to Miss De Peyster. Miss Carrie H. Lupton, of Stratford, Conn., president of the Connecticut branch of the society, is guest of honor at the luncheon.